

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY  
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – MARCH 7, 2006**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 8:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Turner, Glaser, Van Deursen, Woykowski, Housel and Oakley (Arrived at 8:30 PM) – 6 Present.

Absent: Buoye (Out of town on business) – 1.

Also Present: Richard J. Sheola, Borough Manager  
Richard P. Cushing, Esq., Municipal Attorney  
Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC, Borough Clerk

Mayor Van Deursen led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Van Deursen read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law 1975 Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.

**MINUTES:**

**Regular Meeting – February 7, 2006**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained additions or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2006.

Councilwoman Woykowski pointed out two corrections on Page 2, fourth paragraph down and on Page 11 of which the Clerk so noted.

It was therefore moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the minutes of the regular meeting held February 7, 2006 be approved as corrected.

Roll Call: Turner, Glaser, Van Deursen, Housel and Woykowski –

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

**COUNCIL APPEARANCE:**

**Jeremy Summitt, Chairman and Kathy Halpin, Secretary – Shade Tree Commission**

Chairman Jeremy Summitt reported to the Mayor and Council that the Shade Tree Commission has initiated the first step required since the adoption of their Community Forestry Management Plan which was adopted in 2004. They have entered into a contract with Robert Lee to prepare an inventory of all the existing trees in the Borough. The trees will be identified as to their species, location, size and condition. He will also identify vacant tree planting locations, overhead electrical conductors and give his comments and observations as to hazardous trees, hazardous conditions or any special conditions that the Shade Tree Commission should be aware of. The inventory will begin in March and will be completed in December of this year.

This will then give them a tool to work on a five year plan of addressing the needs of the community in a more professional manner.

The Commission presently addresses problems that are brought to their attention by way of the public and maintain the existing trees that they have planted over the years in addition to pruning.

Deputy Mayor Glaser noted that several large trees have been taken down and have not been replaced over the course of the years. She questioned whether these areas would be identified? These areas would be identified in the shade tree inventory and trees will be replaced where warranted.

Chairman Summitt noted that the Shade Tree has a limited budget in which to work with and they have tried to do the best they can with the funds the Council gives them each year.

Councilman Turner questioned whether the Shade Tree Commission is involved with projects that the Borough plans? Chairman Summitt noted that the Commission was only involved in the Carlton Avenue after the plans were already prepared and placed out to bid. Those trees in the planting areas which were part of a grant were damaged during the construction and will have to be replaced. Discussion followed as to where the trees would be planted. Councilman Turner felt that it might be better to plant them back behind the sidewalk rather than between the sidewalk and curb.

Chairman Summitt addressed bump outs and Carlton Avenue would have been an area where this might have been considered. He suggested that some thought be given to this idea on future projects. They have been involved with the Grand Avenue reconstruction project from the beginning and will work with the engineer.

Kathy Halpin, Secretary addressed the Shade Tree's Arbor Day Celebration, the Post Contest at the school there involved with each year and the fact that all these programs earn them the designation of Tee City USA every year. The Commission is also going to be receiving a Growth Award this year as a result of the work they do with the Borough's engineer, Mr. Miller.

The Commission just found out that they are eligible for a new grant based on their Tree City USA designation which is due by June.

Kathy also outlined the training and continuing education credits that at least two members of the Commission must maintain. This training enables the Commission to be covered under an insurance policy by the State which covers any liability issues that may arise.

The Commission has also been working with the Planner, Carl Hintz and Jim Sheldon from the B.I.D. A final decision needs to be made with respect to the types of trees for the downtown streetscape. The Commission has reached out to Carl Hintz and he has not responded back to them to date.

The Mayor, on behalf of the governing body thanked Kathy and Jeremy for their presentation and wished the Commission the best of luck in their endeavors. Their service to the community is very much appreciated.

### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Two additional communications were placed on the Council desks this evening to be included with the communications on their agenda. The communications are as follows:

- 1) Cozen-O'Connor Attorney Re: NJ American Water Rate Increase;
- 2) NJLM Re: Truck Ban Regulations Struck Down by Third Circuit Court Appeals;
- 3) NJLM Re: Eminent Domain;
- 4) NJLM Re: Bicycle Helmet Law Change;
- 5) NJLM Re: S-1432/A-444 Proposed Redefinition and Tax Exemption for Certain Business Property;
- 6) NJLM RE: Community Dialogue on the State Budget;
- 7) NJLM RE: Press Conference;
- 8) NJLM Re: Senate Bill 1219, Revising the Open Public Meetings Act;
- 9) Comcast Fax Re: Family tier;
- 10) Warren County Mosquito Control Commission Re: Changes in NJ Pesticide Regulations
- 11) NJLM Re: Transportation Trust Fund; and

12) NJ Highlands Council Meeting

Mayor Van Deursen entertained a motion to acknowledge, receive and file the communications.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that the communications numbered #1 thru #12 be acknowledged, received and filed.

Discussion: None.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**AUDIENCE:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained remarks, petitions, statements and testimony from guests on items that were not part of the agenda.

**Mr. & Mrs. David Cox, McKinley Avenue** had some concerns with a lot in front of their home that is presently being considered by the Board of Adjustment for a variance. They were noticed to attend the meeting. At the meeting the attorney representing the developer requested their application be carried until the next meeting. The attorney advised the Board of Adjustment that they were going to negotiate with the Council to purchase additional land owned by the municipality. which would make their lot a conforming lot and there would be no need for a variance.

Mr. Cox wanted to know where this request stood and whether in fact the Council could just sell this lot to this developer.

Attorney Cushing outlined the legal steps that would have to be initiated and the Mayor and Council would have to sell this lot at public auction. The Council will be considering their proposal in executive session but Mr. and Mrs. Cox would be apprised of the Council's decision.

Attorney Cushing noted that the Board of Adjustment is a separate entity and should the developer have to appear before the Board for the development of this undersized lot Mr. & Mrs. Cox's concerns would be considered in the process.

Mr. & Mrs. Cox explained that there was a severe drainage problem on this property and the development of this property would impose a lot of problems for them. Immediately adjacent to their property there is also land that has been bulldozed over and has an existing foundation on it that has been buried among a lot of other junk and debris which is a dangerous condition to the neighborhood. The whole area is surrounded by severe drainage problems. They do not want to see a developer come in and build a house on this piece of property.

The Council will be discussing this issue further and the Manager will conduct an inspection of the area with the engineer.

**Kathy Halpin, 86 Carlton Avenue** reported that the Washington Celebrates America festivities will not be able to be held at the Middle School grounds due to their construction project. They are presently working with Warren County Vo-Tech to have the concert and fireworks there. The Battle of the Bands is being proposed to be held at the Borough Park.

Mrs. Halpin put the Council on notice that this is the last year she will be Chairing the celebration. It is a very large undertaking and she has been doing it for several years. She would like to step down have someone else come forth to organize it or another organization. She would be willing to help but does not wish to continue to Chair the event. She sincerely hoped that the Celebration would not die out.

Mayor Van Deursen stated that she and the Council sincerely regret that she was going to give it up but they do greatly appreciate what she has done for the Borough over her many years of organizing Washington Celebrates America. Her contribution to the community is sincerely appreciated.

**Robert Mayer, N. Prospect Street**

Mr. Mayer reported that the retaining wall in front of his property is beginning to fall apart. The engineer will be contacted to assess the problem.

Hearing no further comments from the audience, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the audience portion of the meeting be closed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**ORDINANCES:**

**Ordinance #2-2006** – Salary Ordinance – Non Union (Final Passage)

An ordinance establishing the salary for the Director of the Parks and Recreation was introduced by Councilwoman Glaser.

It was further moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that the Clerk read Ordinance #2-2006 by title only.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, Turner, Van Deursen, Housel and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0 – Motion carried.

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The Clerk read Ordinance #2-2006 by title only and stated that this ordinance was published in the Star Gazette as required by law, a copy was posted on the bulletin board and copies available upon request from the Clerk's office.

Mayor Van Deursen opened up the public hearing portion of the ordinance to the public for their questions or comments.

Hearing none, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that the public hearing portion of the ordinance be closed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Council Discussion: Councilman Housel asked what the cost of the publication of this ordinance was? The Clerk estimated the cost to be around \$ 20.00.

Councilwoman Woykowski did not see any reason to have this ordinance in front of Council at this time. It was tabled at a previous meeting.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser and Van Deursen – Ayes: 3,  
Turner, Housel and Woykowski – Nays: 3.

Motion Defeated on Tie Vote.

**Ordinance #5-2006** – Amending Chapter 47 – Garbage, Refuse and Recycling  
(First Reading)

An ordinance amending the garbage, refuse and recycling ordinance to conform with the new garbage contract was introduced by Councilman Housel.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that the Clerk read Ordinance #5-2006 by title only.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #5-2006 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 47 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AS PERTAINING TO THE COLLECTION OF GARBAGE AND RECYCLING AND BULK TRASH WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

Council Discussion: Manager Sheola explained that one ordinance was showing the Council what Chapter 57 presently reads and the other ordinance reflects the amendments which adhere to our new contract.

Councilwoman Oakley did not feel that the citizens of the Borough were given adequate notice of the new garbage collection date. It was noted that the new recycling calendar itself in the February sewer bill reflected this change. It was felt that the new change in collection date did not stand out enough on the calendar.

Councilwoman Glaser felt that a press release should have been done. It was noted that the proposed change in collection day was posted on the web site.

Tenants were not noticed unless the landlords placed them on notification.

Councilman Housel was concerned with the cost of the Kraft bags for the leaf collection period. Many of the Borough's senior citizens will not be able to afford the bags. Containers are still an option or mulching and compost piles.

It was noted that the kraft bags or reusable containers should be in the content of the ordinance. Manager Sheola noted this correction to the ordinance for inclusion.

Manager Sheola noted that he had contacted the Fire Department suggesting that perhaps they could purchase the kraft bags from a distributor and sell them to the citizens as a fund raiser.

Councilwoman Glaser noted that prior to the leaf collection program a press release be issued and adequate notice be placed as a reminder in the sewer bills.

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Turner that Ordinance #5-2006 be approved on first reading with the addition to the ordinance noted in reference to kraft bags or reusable containers.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

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It was further moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that Ordinance #5-2006 be published in the Star Gazette on March 16, 2006 and that the public hearing be scheduled for April 4, 2006.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Van Deursen, Housel, Glaser, Oakley and Turner.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Ordinance #6-2006** – Amending Section 22 of the Borough Code pertaining to the consumption of Alcoholic Beverages (First Reading)

An ordinance amending Section 22 of the Borough Code pertaining to the consumption of alcoholic beverages was introduced by Councilman Housel.

It was further moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that the Clerk read Ordinance #6-2006 by title only.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

The Clerk read Ordinance #6-2006 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 22 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON AS PERTAINING TO THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERATES.”

Council Discussion: None.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser that Ordinance #6-2006 be approved on first reading.

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, Turner, Van Deursen, Housel and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

It was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that Ordinance #6-2006 be published on March 16, 2006 and that the public hearing be scheduled for April 4, 2006.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0. – Motion carried.

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Mayor Van Deursen suggested deviating from the order of business to discuss the Tax Assessor's Proposal to conduct a District Wide Assessment.

Tom Efstathiou, Tax Assessor was present to discuss his proposal with Council.

Councilwoman Woykowski questioned whether Council could defer until 2007. Council is presently reviewing the proposed 2006 budget and would prefer to defer this until next year. Based on some of the concerns of Council at the last meeting Councilwoman Woykowski noted that she had contacted the Warren County Tax Board. Based on the fact that the Borough has not had a revaluation in almost fifteen years they will be requesting that the Borough do a revaluation in 2009 regardless as to whether Council authorizes a reassessment.

Mr. Efstathiou noted that the County Tax Board cannot order a revaluation if the Borough's ratio is up. He stated that the information Councilwoman Woykowski received was incorrect information. Mr. Efstathiou explained that a revaluation is a lot more costly than a reassessment because it is placed out for bid and an outside firm is contracted to perform the work.

Councilwoman Glaser wanted Mr. Efstathiou to contact the County and verify the statement given to Councilwoman Woykowski. Councilwoman Woykowski did not know the name of the staff in the office that gave her the information. She did not feel that there was any special circumstances that would warrant a reassessment.

Mr. Efstathiou noted that the ratio is presently 61% for this year to date. Overall ratio is 74%. The weighted change will be somewhere between 64-65%. The Market controls the ratio.

Councilwoman Woykowski note that Council is very concerned with the impact the reassessment would have on the 2006 budget. She would like to see it deferred until 2007.

Councilman Housel also stated he could not approve a reassessment in the last half of the 2006 budget year

Joyce Pyle, 80 W. Stewart Street noted that the last reassessment the assessor did not go into every house. She would rather see a revaluation in 2009. Council should be a little more frugal in this town. She suggested that Council wait until 2009.

Councilwoman Glaser suggested that Council get a letter from the Tax Board stating that if we do a voluntary reassessment we will not be required to do a revaluation in 2009 or for an ex-period of time.

Dawn Higgins, 113 Harding Drive inquired as to how the age restricted housing would affect the Borough's ratio. Mr. Efstathiou explained that the units would only be able to be assessed at whatever the Borough's ratio is at the time. They would not be going in at 100% ratio.

Councilman Housel noted that if housing stabilizes and our ratio stays at 70% Council would not need to do a reassessment this year.

Mayor Van Deursen also noted that Council is not sure that the timing is critical this year.

Joyce Pyle questioned who would hire the two inspectors that would be retained to assist the Assessor. The Manager noted that he would be involved in the interview process.

A motion was made by Glaser, seconded by Turner that this issue be tabled until Council can get some clarification on the issues raised this evening from the Division of Taxation.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**REPORTS:**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel that the Borough Manager's, Road Department O.T., A & E O.T., Police (2), Borough Clerk's and Zoning/Code Enforcement reports be accepted as presented and filed.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**VOUCHERS:**

Mayor Van Deursen entertained any questions or additions to the vouchers and claims for payment.

Hearing none, it was moved by Housel, seconded by Turner that the vouchers and claims be paid in the amount of \$ 954,457.44 as reflected in the debit/credit memorandum on file in the Collector-Treasurer's office.

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Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Council Goals 2006/2007**

Council is to e-mail to the Manager their ranking of each item on the Council Goals list for the Manager to finalize.

An addition item that Council wanted to include was the PA system. It was noted that Michel DeMonte has offered to look at our present system.

**Resolution #53-2006 – Green Acres Enabling Resolution and Business Plan for the Railroad Avenue Park (Recreation Commission)**

Manager Sheola noted that the Borough has received two letters from the school endorsing the Green Acres application. Council tabled the resolution until the next meeting.

Councilman House noted that Chairman Finnegan notes that the Green Acres application will require considerably more work. He thought that the application was done?

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Letter or Resignation – Deputy Mayor Susan Wagner-Glaser**

Council was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Deputy Mayor Susan Wagner-Glaser.

**Nominations for a New Deputy Mayor**

Nominations were opened from the floor.

Councilwoman Woykowski nominated Andrew Turner.

Councilwoman Oakley nominated Alex Buoye

There being no further nominations, the nominations were declared closed.

Roll Call Vote on the Nominations of Andrew Turner:

Roll Call: Turner, Woykowski, Housel and Van Deursen – Ayes: 4,  
Oakley and Glaser – Nays: 2.

Andrew Turner was elected Deputy Mayor for the calendar years of 2006 and 2007 based on Attorney Cushing's letter.

Mayor Van Deursen explained the purpose of nominating a new Deputy Mayor. The Borough Code was updated with respect to the election of the Mayor. A member of Council happened to read this section of the Code and found that the Deputy Mayor can only serve one two year term.

Dawn Higgins questions the Mayor's explanation as to why she didn't notice this beforehand? Councilman Housel noted that it was a misconception with the election of the Mayor so recently being approved and Council inadvertently thought that the Deputy Mayor's term ran concurrent with the Mayor's. Mrs. Higgins noted that she would have thought Council would have known it?

**Resolution #73-2006 – Authorizing the Refunding of an Overpayment of the Borough's Sewer Service Charge**

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Glaser and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #73-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REFUNDING OF AN  
OVERPAYMENT OF THE BOROUGH'S  
SEWER SERVICE CHARGE.**

**WHEREAS**, according to the Treasurer's records, there is an overpayment showing on the following property; and

<b><u>BLOCK/LOT</u></b>	<b><u>FORMER TENANT/ PROPERTY LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>AMOUNT TO BE REFUNDED</u></b>
25.01/8	Kain, Jennifer 11 Jackson Avenue	\$ 172.00

The former tenant made an overpayment after the closing procedures on the above property location. A refund of \$ 172.90 should be mailed to:

Jennifer Kain  
11 Jackson Avenue  
Washington, NJ 07882

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written request that the above amount be refunded.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough Treasurer is authorized to refund the above overpayment amount.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #74-2006 – Transfer of 2005 Appropriations**

The following Resolution was moved by Housel, seconded by Oakley and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #74-2006**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF  
RESERVE APPROPRIATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:4-59 provides that all unexpended balances carried forward after the close of the year are available until lapsed at the close of the succeeding year, to meet specific claims, commitments or contracts incurred during the preceding fiscal year, and allow transfers to be made by not less than 2/3 vote of the full membership of the governing body for unexpended balances which are expected to be sufficient to accounts with insufficient appropriation balances during the first three months of the succeeding year; and

**WHEREAS**, the Borough Manager and the Chief Financial Officer have determined that excess appropriations do exist in some accounts and there is a need for a supplemental appropriations in other accounts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the following appropriations transfers are hereby approved.

<b><u>Transfer From:</u></b>	<b><u>Transfer To:</u></b>	<b><u>Amount:</u></b>
WATER Other Expenses	TELEPHONE	\$ 100.00
TOTAL OF ALL TRANSFERS:		\$ 100.00

Roll Call: Oakley, Glaser, turner, Van Deursen, Housel and Woykowski.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Resolution #75-2006 – Amend Temporary Current Fund Budget**

The following Resolution was moved by Glaser, seconded by Housel and adopted:

**RESOLUTION #75-2006**

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AMENDING  
TEMPORARY CURRENT FUND  
APPROPRIATIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A-4-19 provides that where any contract, commitment or payments are to be made prior to the final adoption of the 2006 Budget, temporary appropriations should be made for the purpose and amount in the manner and time therein provided; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey do hereby make the following amendments to the temporary appropriations.

**TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS – 2006 BUDGET**

Board of Adjustment Other Expenses	\$ 200.00
Streets & Roads Other Expenses	\$10,000.00
Surety Bonds Other Expenses	6,000.00

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Liability Insurance	
Other Expenses	\$ 3,781.00
<b>TOTAL AMENDMENTS TO APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>\$19,981.00</b>

Discussion: Councilwoman Glaser asked whether the temporary appropriations were still under the 25%? Manager Sheola noted that we were a little over due to the insurance premiums.

Roll Call: Woykowski, Housel, Van Deursen, Turner, Glaser and Oakley.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

**COUNCIL REMARKS:**

Mayor Van Deursen polled Council for their remarks.

Councilwoman Woykowski had no remarks.

Councilman Housel noted for the record that Council has been working very hard on the budget and none of the Council is happy with the way the budget is shaping up. Two additional meetings are being scheduled to continue the review and whittle it down as much as they can. Forty-two to Fifty-two (45-52%) of the budget are areas in which they have no control over to make any cuts. He is very frustrated and everyone else is too.

He also extended congratulations to Andrew Turner as Deputy Mayor and extended his thanks and appreciation to Susan Wagner-Glaser for her years of service as Deputy Mayor.

Deputy Mayor Turner thanked everyone for their support in appointing him Deputy Mayor for the next two years. He also extended his thanks and appreciation to Susan Wagner-Glaser and looked forward to working with everyone.

Councilwoman Glaser congratulated Deputy Mayor Turner and stated that he will do what is in the hearts of the Borough residents.

Councilwoman Oakley congratulated Deputy Mayor Turner. She also noted that Council is working hard on the review of the budget and they are doing the best they can.

Mayor Van Deursen thanked Councilwoman Glaser for serving as Deputy Mayor with her. She stated that it has been a pleasure to work with her. They have always had an excellent working relationship. She also was pleased to be working with Deputy Mayor Turner. She advised Deputy Mayor Turner to mark on his calendar that she will be out of town in conjunction with her job July 8<sup>th</sup> thru July 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will have to cover the meeting of July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Van Deursen expressed her sentiments with regard to the budget and noted that it is a tough budget year. Council is not happy with where they are at yet. They will be going back through the budget at the next budget sessions that are being scheduled. If it means giving back her salary she will do so.

Manager Sheola noted that the March 18<sup>th</sup> date is not good. Council may have to schedule another date. There is a mandatory planning meeting that several key employees on the Planning and Zoning are signed up for that day at Warren County Vo-Tech.

Council took a short five minute recess at 10:05 PM after which when they reconvene the Deputy Mayor, Andrew Turner will be administered the Oath by Attorney Cushing after which Council will go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and negotiations.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 10:10 PM with everyone in attendance.

### **Oath of Office – Deputy Mayor – Andrew Turner**

The Oath of Office was administered to Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner by Attorney Cushing assisted by former Deputy Mayor/Councilwoman Susan Wagner-Glaser.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that Council go into Executive Session to discuss matters of litigation and negotiations.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

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It was moved by Glaser seconded by Turner that Council go out of Executive Session at 11:10 PM.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

Everyone was reminded to advise the Clerk whether they were going to the Emergency Squad Banquet on May 6, 2006. To date Deputy Mayor Turner, Councilwoman Glaser, Councilwoman Oakley and Mayor Van Deursen have responded.

Hearing no further business to come before Council, it was moved by Glaser, seconded by Oakley that the meeting be adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Ayes: 6, Nays: 0.  
Motion carried.

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Marianne Van Deursen, Mayor

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Linda L. Hendershot, RMC/CMC  
Borough Clerk

